



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[OMB Number 1117-0038]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed eCollection, eComments Requested; Extension without Change of a Previously Approved Collection; Reporting and Recordkeeping for Digital Certificates

AGENCY: Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice.

ACTION: 60-day notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for 60 days until **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have comments on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Scott A. Brinks, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration; Mailing Address: 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152; Telephone: (571) 776-2265.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Evaluate whether and if so how the quality, utility, and clarity of the information proposed to be collected can be enhanced; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

1. *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.
2. *Title of the Form/Collection:* Reporting and Recordkeeping for Digital Certificates.
3. *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:*

Form Number:

DEA Form 251: CSOS DEA Registrant Certificate Application.

DEA Form 252: CSOS Principal Coordinator/Alternate Coordinator Certificate Application.

DEA Form 253: CSOS Power of Attorney Certificate Application.

DEA Form 254: CSOS Certificate Application Registrant List Addendum.

The Department of Justice component is the Drug Enforcement Administration, Diversion Control Division.

4. *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*
Affected public (Primary): Business or other for-profit.

Affected public (Other): None.

Abstract: DEA collects information in regards to reporting and recordkeeping for digital certificates. The application for a digital certificate is required to ensure that the person applying for the certificate is either a DEA registrant or someone who has power of attorney from a DEA registrant to sign orders for Schedule I and II substances. The DEA Certification Authority uses the information to verify the person's identity and eligibility to hold a DEA-issued digital certificate.

5. *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* The DEA estimates a total of 94,011 respondents. The average time to respond: 2 hours.
6. *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the proposed collection:* The DEA estimates that this collection takes 93,516 annual burden hours.

If additional information is required please contact: Melody Braswell, Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Justice Management Division, Policy and Planning Staff, Two Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, Suite 3E.405B, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: May 23, 2022.

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U.S. Department of Justice.

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